

REMARKS

This response and amendment is submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated February 24, 2005 (hereafter "office action"), having a shortened three-month statutory period set to expire May 24, 2005. The examiner had rejected pending claims 1, 7, 13, and 14 for the reason stated in the office action. The examiner also allowed the remaining claims 2 to 6, 8 to 12, and 15 to 18, and applicant appreciates the examiner's allowance of these claims in the office action.

I. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. Sec. 102

The examiner rejected claims 1, 7, 13 to 14 under 35 U.S.C. Sec. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,597,191 to Oosawa (hereafter "the Oosawa reference") for the reason indicated in the office action. Applicant has cancelled claims 1 and 7 without prejudice and has re-written respective allowable claims 2 and 8 in independent form. Allowable claims 3 to 6 and 9 to 12 respectively follow in dependency from allowable claims 2 and 8.

Applicant has amended claim 13 to further recite similar language in the allowable claims 2 and 8. Claim 13 now also recites that prior to another block using the signal designated for one purpose for one block, voltage rails of the signal are resolved with other voltage rails of another signal for the other block. The Oosawa reference and/or any other cited reference and/or any combination thereof do not teach or suggest such a feature. Thus, claim 13, as amended, is allowable.

Claim 14 is dependent upon claim 13, as amended, and should be allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 13. Also, contrary to the examiner's statement that all elements of claim 14, even as originally presented, are disclosed in the Oosawa reference, the element of sending a signal that is solely designated for supply of an analog supply signal to an analog block to a digital block and the element of using the analog supply signal, by the digital block, for indication of entry into a scan mode, are not, so the rejection of claim 14 is unsupported by the art and should be withdrawn for this further reason. Thus, claim 14 is allowable for these reasons. Allowable claims 15 to 18 respectively follow in dependency from claim 14.

The specification, drawings, and claims as originally filed fully support the respective amendments to the claims. Therefore, the application with pending claims 2 to 6 and 8 to 18, as respectively amended, is now in condition for allowance, and allowance is earnestly solicited. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

No fees are believed to be due by the filing of this Response and Amendment; however, if any fees are due by the filing of the enclosed documents, including any fees incurred by an extension of term, please consider this paragraph such a Request for term, and charge any fees associated with the Request or any other fees incurred by the filing of this document to Cirrus Logic Deposit Account No. 03-2028/1456-CA.

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